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Sen. Stamas receives literacy award

LANSING – State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, was recently recognized by the Public Enrichment Foundation as a staunch supporter of literacy.

“Being selected as a recipient of this award is a distinct honor,” Stamas said. “Literacy is the cornerstone of education and empowerment. If people can read, then the possibilities open to them are endless.”

Stamas received the 2006 Literacy Advocate Award for his strong support of Michigan’s Free Book Program.

In a letter, Public Enrichment Foundation Executive Director Larry Seratti said Stamas was chosen because “without your continued support of this program many of these children and adults would never know the ‘love of reading’ or own their own books. It is with that in mind that we commend you for your efforts to continue this most valuable program, serving those most in need.”

Established in 1986, the Public Enrichment Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a goal of increasing academic achievement and reading abilities of needy children and adults. Through nonprofit organizations and state agencies across Michigan they provide books to infants, senior citizens, and individuals that qualify as ill or needy.

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Editor’s note: A photo of Sen. Stamas receiving the award from Larry Seratti is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Stamas/Stamas.htm>